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Based on the data obtained from different components of the study, it was possible to develop a "model" identifying relationship between precipitating factors, predisposing factors and depressive illness which enabled identification of strategies for intervention. Based on the observations of the study following recommendations could be made. Empowering individuals families to cope with situations where a suicidal act might occur, taking actions to control depressive illness, improving patient management skills and facilities at local and specialist hospitals, and establishing a program for the follow up of persons who attempt suicides after returning to community from hospital.